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UM DOUBLES DANCE FANS' PLEASURE WITH FALL SHOWCASE

MISSOULA --

Community members are invited to join University of Montana faculty and students for a celebration of motion and music Tuesday through Saturday, Nov. 19-23, during the UM Department of Drama/Dance's annual autumn Dance Showcase.

The showcase, presented in two installments offered alternate evenings, will be performed in the Open Space of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Program I runs Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Program II is scheduled Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7:30 and Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m.

One performance of each program will be presented as an "informance," with dance Associate Professor Amy Ragsdale discussing the pieces and the choreographers' intent. These sessions -- Thursday evening, Nov. 21, for Program I and Saturday afternoon, Nov. 23, for Program II -- "are good programs for people who aren't so familiar with dance," Ragsdale said.

This fall's showcase features student and faculty choreography ranging from solo works to large group dances, conveying powerful visual images through rich, emotionally based movements. Featured works range from a comic jazz dance solo to a dramatic piece about the conflict in Ireland.

Tickets to each of the two programs cost \$4 and are available at the box office in the lobby of the PAR/TV building Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For tickets or more information, call the box office at 243-4581.

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